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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## Ocean County Library Kicks Off Mental Health Awareness Month with Provider Fair

**TOMS RIVER** –The Ocean County Library, in partnership with the Mental Health Awareness Committee of Ocean County and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), will host a mental health provider fair at the Toms River Branch from 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM on Wednesday, May 3.

Representatives from Ocean County agencies that support children and adults affected by mental illnesses and/or substance abuse will be available to discuss resources and services. The "Celebrating Wellness" awards ceremony will take place at 5:30 PM.

The awards ceremony will include a proclamation presentation from the Ocean County Board of Commissioners. The Ocean County Mental Health Awareness Committee will honor community members who have worked to end the stigma often associated with mental health conditions.

In addition, fifth grade students will be honored for their artwork from the "What a Difference a Friend Makes" contest and several Ocean County teens and young adults will be recognized for their work from the "Creative Expressions" contest.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Please register at <a href="www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events">www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events</a> to attend this free program. For more details, visit the OCL Toms River Branch, 101 Washington Street, or call (732) 349-6200.

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